

### **The Holy Spirit and the Bible** (2 Timothy 3:16)

**Proposition:** The Holy Spirit is the origin of the Bible's accuracy and it's authority; of it's preservation and of it's power. There are three principals that can be used to bring to light the role the Spirit of God played in the conveying of the Word of God.

#### **I. The Divine Communication of the Holy Spirit**

- A. The Communication of the Mind of God (Isaiah 55:9)
- B. The Communication of the Means of God (1 Cor. 2:10)
- C. The Communication of the Mandates of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

#### **II. The Divine Correspondence of the Holy Spirit**

- A. Correspondence by Personal Writing (2 Peter 1:21)
- B. Correspondence in Personal Realms (2 Peter 1:21)
- C. Correspondence with Personal Realities (Various)

#### **III. The Divine Collection of the Holy Spirit**

- A. The Collection of the Former Text (2 Samuel 23:2)
- B. The Collection of the Facing Text (John 14:26)
- C. The Collection of the Full Text (1 Thess. 2:13)

## The Holy Spirit & the Bible (2 Tim 3:16)

I once heard someone describe the as a book from outer space. Although technically that is correct it conveys the image of a Bible falling from the sky. Although that would be a miraculous origin for the Bible the truth of the Bible's origin is even more miraculous. "Just as it is impossible to throw a bucketful of tiny pieces of metal in the air and produce a wristwatch or put all the letters of the alphabet in a box and shake out the 23rd Psalm, so the Bible did not just magically appear or come to be. There had to be a Maker or an Author." That author is the Holy Spirit of God. Early church father Origen said "The sacred books are persuaded by the Spirit. There is nothing either in the prophets, or in the Law, or in the Gospels, or in the epistles, which does not spring from the fulness of the divine majesty." The word "inspired" in our text is the greek word breathed. The breath of God

### 1. The Divine Communication of the H.S.

Look at the Bible in your hands. It is truly amazing to think that the book in your hands is the expression of the new



of an infallible all knowing God to man. Be assured

A. The Communication of the Mind of God - We can truly learn a lot about ourselves in the Bible. But the Bible is not primarily a book to learn about man, but is a book that reveals God. Without this revelation from God, we would wander thru time wondering about life, death, sin, judgment. (3) c. 55:9 Yet these high thoughts are brought w/in reach by the H.G.

B. The Communication of the Means of God - Not only does the Bible give us what God thinks but also how he acts, what he does, how He has interacted w/man in the past. We have the account of creation to inform us of his creative power, the flood to inform us of His destructive power. All thru the scriptures the historical accounts are not for (4)

C. The Communication of the Mandates of God

Also the expectations of God are revealed in His word. Divine truth drips from its ancient pages. Truth that is applicable, livable. It reveals things are not so high and its realities not so far fetched that it is not applicable for everyday living. Our text verse 2 Tim 1:16 - 17

II. The Correspondence of the Holy Spirit

But the question still stands, where did it come from, how did it get here. did it just appear on the desk of the prophets?

1) ...of God is the very Spirit of God! Job 33:4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life. The Holy Spirit is the origin of the Bible's accuracy and it's authority; of it's preservation and of it's power. There are three principals that can be used to bring to light the role the Spirit of God played in the conveying of the Word of God.

2) ...be assured it is not all that God knows, but it is all that God wants us to know. This book is a communique from Almighty God, the breeze of God's breath is felt upon our minds when we read it.

3) Isaiah 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

4) ...are not for the sake of historical fact, but for perpetual character. The means of God are revealed to us in the Word of God by the Spirit of God. 1 Corinthians 2:10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1) 2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2) ...pour out of the hands of frail men. Never violating the character, intelligence, language or literary style.

3) ...That Holy Spirit employed real people to pen the Scriptures encourages us to be pure vessels, but not out of touch with real life.

4) Numbers 20:11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. 2 Samuel 11:4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.

5) ...Paul and Barnabas' disagreement. Yet despite the reality of their own depravity, the correspondence of God's message was delivered. Realize that despite our weaknesses God can use us.



did it just arrive in the mail box of the early church

### A. Correspondence by Personal Writing -

The Bible is the Word of God, given by the Spirit of God, but given through the hands of men. The Spirit of God filled these men of God and through them produced the infallible word of God. As wind fills the sail of a ship and drives it along so did the divine correspondence from God pour out of the

### B. Correspondence in Personal Realms -

1 Peter 1:21 "Holy men" not impure men, but men that were separated unto the Lord. However they were men, men with histories and backgrounds and perspectives

No one but a theologian like Paul could have written Romans, No one but a shepherd like David could write the 23rd Ps. "The Holy"

### C. Correspondence with Personal Realities

One of the reasons the Bible is such a believable book is its straight forward truth about some of its most central characters. The Holy Spirit did not mask their sins and failures. Moses' anger was not blanked out or David's adultery 2 Sam 11:4, Hosea's marital fidelity

Peter's denial, John's pride, Paul and Barnabas

## III. The Divine Collection of the Holy Spirit

In reality the Bible is a collection of Books instead of a single Volume. 66 individual individual books over 1600 years



by 70 different authors in several languages all  
A. The Collection of the Former Text - The  
Old Testament is comprised of 39 Books  
Many of the O.T. authors claimed divine  
inspiration. <sup>(2)</sup> David 2 Sam 23:2. But the  
strongest proof lies in the words of  
Jesus. <sup>(3)</sup> John 10:35 When tempted in the  
Wilderness, each time the authority of O.T.  
Scriptures was seen. <sup>(4)</sup> "It is Written" Heb 3:7

B. The Collection of the Facing Text -  
The New Testament that we are faced with  
today is the N.T. <sup>(5)</sup> John 14:26 Teach  
them + remind them, <sup>(6)</sup> but also John 16:12-13  
Here even more was promised to be revealed  
This is w/out doubt a reference to the  
future books of N.T. yet to be written.

C. The Collection of the Full Text -  
The Old + New Testament together  
give us the Full collection of Gods  
revelation to man. <sup>(7)</sup> 1 Thes. 2:13  
Remember the name Old on O.T. does not  
mean, irrelevant and out dated and New on  
N.T. does not indicate modern + hip. One  
older one Newer but Both make up the Word of God.  
IV. Close - The Russian Dictionary  
defines the Bible as a "Collection of  
fantastic legends, w/o scientific support.  
It is full of dark hints, historical mistakes

- 1) ...all converging into one seamless, harmonious, infallible Book the Bible. How is that possible? There is more than glue holding that Bible together, the Holy Spirit of God is the binding and sealing agent at work in the scriptures.
- 2) 2 Samuel 23:2 The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.
- 3) John 10:35 ...the scripture cannot be broken;
- 4) Hebrews 3:7 is a quotation of Psalm 95:7 ...as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,
- 5) John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
- 6) John 16:12-15 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.
- 7) 1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.
- 8) ...mistakes and contradictions. It serves as a factor for gaining power and subjugating unknowing nations." No the Bible is a collection of the revelation of God, scientifically verified. It is full of the supernatural truth of God and archaeologically proven history. It serves as a factor for freeing men from the bonds of sin and wrath and illuminating the path of uncertainty in life. All authored by God him self thru the H.G.